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Photograph of Mr Lim Chee Onn, Pro-Chancellor of the Singapore Management University. (Photo: SMU)

SINGAPORE: The Singapore Management University (SMU) announced on Thursday (Dec 8) that former Cabinet Minister Lim Chee Onn has been appointed Pro-Chancellor of the university.

This took effect on Nov 18 and the appointment will be for a term of three years.

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Together with the Chancellor, Mr J Y Pillay, Mr Lim will share the role of presiding over all major formal university ceremonies as well as officiate at the university's convocation and commencement ceremonies.

Mr Lim started his career in the civil service and was elected Member of Parliament from 1977 to 1992. He was a Minister at the Prime Minister's Office from 1980 to 1983, and served as NTUC's secretary-general from 1979 to 1983.

He is currently the senior international adviser to the Ascendas-Singbridge Group and his other appointments include being a board member of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, chair of the Singapore-Suzhou Township Development, an alternate member in the Council of Presidential Advisers and honorary chairman of the National Heritage Board.

President of SMU, Professor Armoud De Meyer, said the university is honoured to have a former Cabinet Minister and an influential advisor to many enterprises and partnerships.

"He brings with him visionary leadership and a wealth of knowledge and experiences from both the private and public sectors that will help in our efforts to develop SMU as a great and iconic global-city university in Asia," said Prof De Meyer.

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